

Good Day,

I'm Wayne Cahoon from Granby, CT.

Enough is enough, we're getting taxed to poverty. It's not a tax collection problem, it's a spending problem that happens when money collected for one purpose is used for another. If the money collected from the gasoline taxes was used to repair the roads we would have some of the best roads in the world, but we don't. This is just one example of a bait and switch that happens all the time with our tax dollars.

Stop asking for more money each year. It's real simple if you ask the financial expert Dave Ramsey,

- You can't spend more money than you take in
- Create a budget
- Stick to the budget
- Pay down dept
- Sell everything but the kids to pay off debt
- Eat rice and beans, don't spend money of frivolous things
- Have an emergency fund

I'm not asking you to run the State with a budget that is within your means, I asking you to do this within my means. I have two small businesses and a part time job just to keep my head above water. I don't like to work all the hours I do, but I have to just to survive. I'm tired of just surviving, I'd like the thrive. The higher tax burden just pushes me down further and there is no break from taxes. I can't choose not to pay the taxes as I can choose not to go out for dinner or do a home repair. I can't tell you the last time I went on vacation, owned a good car, or that I haven't been able to fund my IRA for years.

Why have almost all the of the largest companies moved a good portion of their companies or the whole company out of Connecticut? I'm sure there are multiple reasons, but one thing for sure is, they found it was easier and more profitable for them in incur that costs to move because our State imposed too much restrictions and taxes on them. Where does Connecticut stand on its population? People don't want to move here because there aren't new job opportunities, companies don't want what Connecticut has to offer. And you want to raise the taxes again? Your priorities need to be shifted. Get more people paying taxes in the State so each tax payer would have less of a burden.

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